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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN POLICY ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO

REF: (A) STATE 211783, (B) KINSHASA 7187

1. IN ABSENCE OF FONMIN MWALE, DCM FOLLOWED UP SCHAUFEL/ ROGERS DISCUSSION OF KOREA WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA (KINSHASA 7187) IN MEETING WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MINISTRY NGONDA AND UNDER SECRETARY OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS MANDA ON AUG 31. DCM EXPRESSED TO NGONDA US DISMAY AT GRZ CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION, INDICATING STRONGEST EXCEPTION TO A RESOLUTION WHICH TAKES NOTE OF AUGUST 5 NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT ACCUSING US OF PREPARING FOR WAR IN KOREA. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT GRZ CO-SPONSORSHIP CAME AT TIME WHEN TWO OFFICERS OF UN COMMAND HAD BEEN ASSAULTED AND MURDERED.

2. IN REPLY NGONDA SAID AUGUST 5 NORTH KOREAN STATEMENT HAD NO BEARING ON GRZ DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR, NOR WAS MURDER OF TWO OFFICERS RELATED TO DECISION. DECISION TO CO-SPONSOR WAS TAKEN ON BASIS OF LONG STANDING MORAL PRINCIPLE. GRZ IS "COMMITTED TO PRINCIPLE THAT DIVIDED NATIONS MUST BE PERMITTED TO REUNITE." PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN KOREA IS CONSIDERED BY GRZ TO BE A HINDERANCE TO PEACEFUL

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REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. DCM POINTED OUT THAT US WAS ALSO

COMMITTED TO PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA, BUT THAT PRECIPITATE WITHDRAWAL OF UN COMMAND WAS NOT THE WAY TO INSURE PEACEFUL CHANGE. NGONDA REMAINED FIRM IN HIS POSITION THAT WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES WAS ONLY WAY TO MOVE TWO KOREAS INTO NEGOTIATING PROCESS. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, DURING WHICH DCM REITERATED US CONCERN THAT RESOLUTION ACCUSED US OF PREPARING FOR WAR IN KOREA, NGONDA SAID GRZ SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS CONSCIOUS ANTI-US GESTURE. PRINCIPLE ALONE DICTATED GRZ POSITION, AND GRZ BELIEVES RESOLUTION IN THE END WOULD PROVE HELPFUL TO US.

3. NGONDA COULD SHED NO LIGHT ON WHY ZAMBIA HAD MADE NO COMMENT ON COLOMBO MEETING RECOMMENDATION THAT UNGA DEAL WITH PUERTO RICO AS QUOTE COLONIAL UNQUOTE ISSUE. HE SURMIZED THAT GRZ DELEGATION WAS CARRIED ALONG BY DYNAMICS OF COMMITTEE WORKING ON THIS QUESTION.

4. COMMENT: IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION IT BECAME APPARENT THAT NGONZD AND THE UNDER SECRETARY OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS HAD NEVER SEEN THE RESOLUTION SUBMITTED TO UN ON AUGUST 16. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THEY HAD, WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD HAVE AGREED TO GRZ CO-SPONSORSHIP OUT OF WHAT THEY REGARD AS ADHERENCE TO MORAL PRINCIPLES GUIDING GRZ FOREIGN POLICY. WE TEND TO BELIEVE THAT GRZ OFFICIALS WERE NOT AWARE OF THE AUGUST 5 NORTH KOREAN ACCUSATION LODGED AGAINST THE US WHEN THEY AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THEY BELIEVE THEIR CO-SPONSORSHIP WAS NOT A HOSTILE ACT DIRECTED AT THE US.

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